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CITY ITEMS.

Pianos.

We take pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to Messrs. Julius Bauer & Co.'s piano warerooms, 344 Broadway, the wholesale agency of Wm. Knabe & Co.'s celebrated gold medal grand and square Pianos, manufactured at Baltimore. The firm of Wm. Knabe & Co. is an old one, and one of the largest and most enterprising in this country. Possessing an enormous capital, they have exhibited for the last thirty years a most praiseworthy ambition and untiring energy in the production and improvement of a superior instrument, both in point of scientific construction and artistic excellence. A friend, who recently attended a private musical entertainment given by the agents of Messrs. Knabe in this city, for the exhibition of the qualities of their instruments, which were finely brought out by the playing of Messrs. Sanderson, Paulson, and other eminent performers, gives us his opinion as follows:

"Messrs. Bauer & Co., having extended to us a cordial invitation to visit their new warerooms, we did so, and found, after carefully examining their stock, that the Knabe Piano deserves in an eminent degree the high reputation it assumes among the musical profession in particular, as well as with the public in general. Our attention, on examination, was first attracted to the tone of these instruments, which reveals a singular beauty, combining a mellowness, fullness, and pathetic tenderness with nobility and power of a high order.

"Allied with this, and certainly the most character istic feature of the Knabe Piano, is the great purity of intonation and conciseness of tone throughout the entire scale. As regards the touch of these Pianos, it is all that can be desired, and may be described as very soft and easy, quick in action, and of perfect evenness and elasticity. Of all these and other artistic points of merit, as well as of acoustic construction, an experienced and thorough pianist will be best able to judge, and we therefore refer our musical friends to the testimonials given by such artists as Thalberg, Gottschalk, Satter, Strakosch, Auschutz, and others."

The ugly there is no almost unparalleled competition of piano makers in our metropolis. We welcome this new house as among our foremost in this branch of art, and heartily commend them.—*New York Methodist.*

Mrs. Charlotte Blume, 42 Fifth street, is the sole agent for Knabe's celebrated Pianos. She has just received a complete assortment.

Announcement.

The great special sale at wholesale and retail, to which we have made reference two or three times in anticipation, but of which we could not give the particulars, will commence this morning. It will hardly be necessary for us to say by whom it is being got up, as it has already been almost universally guessed to be Barker & Co., 59 Market street. The entire of their immense establishment will be called into requisition, additions made to the number of their assistants, and everything necessary be done to display the immense stock in a proper and attractive to the thousands of wholesale and retail customers which will throng their mammoth store on this occasion. Hayes & Mitchell, the gentlemanly salesmen of the store will be closed earlier than usual, and that this will be done daily to give time for arranging stock for the succeeding days. See their advertisement.

For Fine Perfumery,

Toilet articles, hair brushes, dressing combs, tooth, nail, cloth and shaving brushes, and fine toilet soap, no place in the city can equal McClarran's drug store, 88 Market street, corner Diamond, near Fifth.

Country Merchants and City Druggists,

take notice. We are prepared to sell Lindsay's Blood Searcher, Lafond's Dandelion, and Dr. J. C. Moffett's King of Pain, the genuine articles, at prices lower than can be bought elsewhere. N. McClarran & Co., druggists, 88 Market street, near Fifth street.

Clothing

For the approaching winter. Overcoats $20. Business suits ready made of fashionable and Eastern manufacture. Wm. Ludley & Co., 52 St. Clair street. See advertisement in another column.

Prudent Housewives,

Will not fail to notice the positive decline in all kinds of what are known as "White Goods." Call at Hide & Bells, No 81 Fifth street, and notice the price of muslins, linens, &c., &c. Remember the place, which is at No. 81 Fifth street, and you can get bargains.

The Sale of Secured Seats

For the Concert of amateurs, which is to take place next Monday, under the direction of Mr. Tetedoux, opens this morning at 9 o'clock, at Mr. Mellor's music store, 81 Wood street.

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Boston Merchants and our Claims Against England.

[From the Boston Journal, November 8.]

By the following petition, which was in circulation on State street yesterday, and was signed by several of our largest ship owners and other merchants, it will be seen that there are some who do not wish Mr. Seward to press our demands against England very vigorously. The document will be forwarded to Washington in a day or two:

BOSTON, November 1, 1865.

To the Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State.

The undersigned, merchants, mechanics and other citizens, having read the diplomatic correspondence recently published, beg leave respectfully to protest against any further action by our Government in their demands upon the British Government for compensation for the depredations committed upon our commerce by the Alabama and other British cruisers.

They respectfully represent that it would be a great injury to this country to weaken, for the sake of a few millions of dollars involved in the final issue of our claims, the prospective value of the precedents thus set by the British Government.

They beg you to remember that judging of the future by the past, the time cannot be far distant when the British Government will be a belligerent, and that whether against Russia, France or Brazil, or against its Indian subjects, the heroic Sepoys, or its colonial provinces, its next war, when we are at peace, will give us the same opportunity to assert the principle, and a hundred times greater in degree, which her merchants, mechanics and ship-builders have had to profit by our misfortunes.

While her commerce equals ours in tonnage, the value of her merchandise afloat is always infinitely greater than ours—many of our ships being usually loaded by the help of British capital.

Where she built one Alabama or blockade-runner we can build a hundred, provided her precedents are allowed to stand. While she has by destruction and alarm driven one-tenth of our commerce from the ocean, we can at the next opportunity, following in her footsteps, utterly drive the British merchant flag from the ocean, except what may be protected by its frigates. They have made the most of their opportunity; their machine shops and shipyards have enjoyed a prosperity never before equalled. Their shipowners and merchants have fattened upon our distresses. They can well afford to pay out of their profits the petty losses which we have suffered, and still have millions of wealth wrung from us remaining.

Our harvest will soon come, but we shall better their instruction a hundred fold, until not a vestige of British merchant marine shall remain upon the ocean in rivalry with ours.

We pray you, therefore, to retain the vantage she has given us by making no further demand in compensation for our claims, but rather to use your influence with the Government to obtain payment from them for the losses thus incurred by our own citizens, and to retain in full force the precedent set by Great Britain as infinitely more valuable than those claims.

Railroad Improvements Demanded by Petroleum.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company are now building an extension of their track from Gray's Ferry Bridge to a point on the Delaware river near the Old Point House, where they have purchased a large tract of land. The whole extent of this property along the river is to be improved by the erection of commodious and substantial wharves and docks, for accommodating the increasing business that seeks the shores of the Delaware as an outlet, and for securing other advantages to the interests involved in the enlargement and transportation of petroleum, especially coal oil to different ports and cities. These improvements, when completed, will cost the Company upwards of $500,000, and being their erection the Company will use the docks of the Green which Improvement Company. In addition to this improvement, a petroleum storage company have purchased a tract of ground adjoining that of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on which they are constructing wharves and buildings, for the purpose of receiving petroleum. Another company known as the Atlantic Petroleum Storage Company, have constructed a branch or lateral road, or extension from the Pennsylvania Railroad, now making from the Company to Hamburgh, on the Schuylkill river, where they have purchased the wharves and necessary buildings for storage purposes, together with all necessary shipping facilities. The company are doing an immense business in that line, bringing to Philadelphia a trade which heretofore found its way and outlet to our Atlantic commerce at New York.

IMPROVEMENT IN CAR WHEELS.—A pair of compensating and adjustable car wheels and axles were on exhibition in this city yesterday, and attracted a good deal of attention. They were invented and built by Mr. C. D. Tisdale, a practical and ingenious mechanic of this city. The wheel is made with three sliandrils to the sleeve, and one of the peculiarities of which they can be regulated from a four feet eight inch to that gauge to one of six feet in the widest gauge in the country. The whole invention is one of great simplicity and is no doubt destined to make a new era in the matter of transporting freight from the East to the great West, for by the use of this simple little invention, freight can be taken through Canada by the Grand Trunk, and the West by the Erie and Great Western railroads without the interference in gauge of track. We understand the Grand Trunk Company are building twenty cars using Mr. Tisdale's patent, with a determination to test the invention thoroughly.

Sound Advice.

—An editorial article in the Charleston *Courier*, on the recent elections in the North, contains the following passages: "Politicians who take their cue from such men as Valandingham, and applaud his merits of the Chicago platform, will be very sure to fail in any Northern election. Possibly these men may think they are doing the South a service by still clinging to their ridiculous and false notions, whereas just the contrary is the truth. The South will be satisfied if the North will support President Johnson. It does not ask if the victors are Democrats or Republicans, so long as they stand true to the Government. It is time this Chicago platform nonsense and Independence was killed, planted, and forgotten. So far better for the South to seek protection of the most radical of the Republicans than allow itself to be humiliated by the Copperhead faction.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR.—Mayor Lowry publishes in to-day's COMMERCIAL a proclamation to our citizens, requesting them to remove at once all filth, rubbish, &c., from their premises, and during the months from their premises, and during the months from their premises, and during the months

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CHEAPEST PAPER PUBLISHED.

The WEEKLY COMMERCIAL is the cheapest and one of the best papers published in the country. It contains thirty-six columns of reading, embracing all the current intelligence, trending to the family, complete market reports, and the latest news up to the hour of going to press. It is issued every Saturday at $2 a year; to single subscribers, or $1.50 to clubs of twenty. Now is the time to subscribe.

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THE PESTILENCE TRAIN LAID.

It is said that some of the ante diluvians, when warned of the approaching deluge, and even after the clouds began to lower, could not be persuaded that it was going to be much of a shower. As many of our citizens, although assured that the pestilence, *the terrible cholera*, is traveling steadily hither, and is already imported into the harbor of New York, maintain apparently a stolid indifference to the danger. If the call of the Mayor and the appeals of the press have failed to arouse those who are living in places narrow, unventilated and filthy, will they not have more and better influence on those more self-respecting citizens who, though their own premises are in neat and healthful condition, have the misfortune to live near the numerous piles of cholera pabulum with which every part of the city is stored and endangered? If the dreaded plague should come into the close and filthy row of tenements in an adjoining alley and sweep half its occupants into the grave, the clean and airy mansions in the neighborhood cannot escape a visitation of the mysterious destroyer. The accumulations of pestilence-breeding material are known to be large, throughout almost the entire city. The gutters filled with disgusting streams betray the existence of exhaustless fountains of filth from which the currents issue. Narrow alleys, back yards, vacant spaces of ground, are laboratories of death, where the fermentation of foul elements is sending forth poison into the atmosphere which the people are breathing into their systems. This is but laying, as it were, the powder train all through the city, even among the cleanly habitations and pleasant neighborhoods. The first case of cholera will be like touching the match to the train, which will instantly spread in destroying power through streets and habitations supposed to be measurably safe from its approach. The experience of only nine years ago seems to be forgotten, when a hundred and thirty persons in a day were carried to the grave, when in the short space of three weeks between fifteen hundred and two thousand were cut off by sudden and dreadful death. Will not, then, our citizens arouse to the present danger, and take measures for warding it off?

BROTHER JONATHAN AND HIS NOTIONS.

This representative gentleman is usually pictured as a thin-faced, sharp-looking person, wearing a short-waisted, swallow-tailed coat, and trousers distinguished by no peculiarity so striking as the inequality of their length to that of the legs which they imperfectly cover. Whether this arises from the scanty length of the pants or the undue elongation of the legs is a question that has not been satisfactorily decided by those who have given attention to the subject. The whole picture, embracing the umbrella—a type of wisdom and prudence—is understood to represent emblematically the national character. Hence there is thrown into it an independent, self-reliant air, a careless ease of manner that springs more from indifference than refinement, a curiosity that does not stick at asking questions of high or low, together with a contented, or rather a congratulatory notion of his own character and position, without concerning himself much about the opinions or the lot of other people.

All such representations are apt to be exaggerated to a degree bordering on burlesque, and appeal more to the fancy than the eye for interpretation. Compared with *like caricatuie figures* of English and French nationality, Brother Jonathan appears on the whole to advantage, having more of thought and shrewdness in his expression, and making up in face and brain for what he lacks in belly and moustache.

That Brother Jonathan should be a character by himself, and different from all others, is nothing more than natural. His bringing up has been different. He has lived in a new country, and been jostled among elements of society, seeking their arrangements and places. Conventionalities that have been settled by the collisions of their formative period centuries ago, he knows and cares nothing about. He feels the bigness of his country when he takes a cabin passage from St. Paul to New Orleans, or travels from Portland to San Francisco, and he assumes somewhat of a swell and strut in his consciousness. The large scale on which things are made in his country—the lakes, the rivers, the prairies, the forests—impresses him with the notion of doing things large. The republican institutions have their effect on him, training him to habits of scrutiny and thought on public affairs, that he may square his actions to his political responsibilities. This assurance of the resources and greatness of his country is the result of its rapid development of wealth and power in times past. That assurance has been rendered doubly strong by the domestic trials that it has just passed through. He never doubted of the issue when he set his face to ward sweeping away the rebellion, any more than when he started to clear off the forests, or to plow the prairies.

Some people have thought him clownish and boastful and grasping, and even quarrelsome. But the charges are without foundation. He is just what the country and its condition has made him. He has not learned to think kings, emperors and lords much better than other people, and as for himself, whether he goes to Congress or keeps school, whether he plows the field or pleads at the bar, whether he lives in Connecticut or Kansas, his nationality shines out all the same—Brother Jonathan all over.

NOVEMBER AND ITS WORK.

It is a busy season with farmers. In fact, they have few weeks or days through the year that do not bring work enough to keep them busy. Unlike the fowls of the air, they have to sow and reap and gather into barns. The gathering in of products and the storing of them for winter use, are the principal labors of this autumnal season, and these are among the harvest toils of the year. The labor of the hay-field and of the wheat harvest are oppressive by the heat and sultriness of the season in which it is done; but the Fall crops require more heavy lifting and harder strains on the muscular powers.

A large share of this can be avoided, and is, by many good farmers. By judicious arrangement of buildings, cellars, and granaries, and by the use of a little machinery and contrivance, the heavy crops of potatoes and corn may be transferred from the fields where they grew to their winter store-houses with a great saving of time and, still more, of severe muscular exertion. One of the best arrangements for keeping potatoes is to have warm, airy cellars under the barn, with trap-doors and shutes by which the wagon-load can be quickly and without handling deposited in the various bins prepared to receive them. Here, too, they are safe from frost, and more safe from rot than in the pits scattered throughout the field. Here they are accessible at any time when they are wanted in the winter, either for feeding or for market. By the barn cellar, for the storage of potatoes and other vegetables, the inmates and visitors in the house are exempted from the smells that come rising up, day and night, when the house cellar is made the receptacle of the products of the farm. Another strong argument for this convenience is, that with it farmers would raise far more of these excellent root crops, in consequence of being relieved of more than half the labor of handling them. Beets, carrots, turnips, these winter luxuries for stock, are neglected mainly because they yield so much and are so heavy to work with. Get the conveniences for moving and storing them, and then your stock will thrive on less hay and grain, the cows will give more milk, the workers will grow fat for the Spring market, and the farmer will live more easily and steadily.

The gathering in of corn is heavy work, although the best. But some of it may be made lighter by contrivance, especially in loading and unloading the wagons. By a convenient arrangement of cribs, when they are the storehouses of this beautiful and valuable cereal, and by a small expenditure on pulleys, one man can do the work of two, or a weak man that of a strong one. A farmer who raises 800 bushels of grain, potatoes, beets and turnips, handles in detail and in baskets and bags no less than 48,000 pounds weight, and a good share of this he lifts and carries three or four times over.

But besides gathering in these crops, there is other work demanding attention in this last of the autumnal months. The winter is near, and preparations must be made for carrying the live stock safely and comfortably through it. Sheds should be put in order for protecting animals from the storms and blasts of early Winter. A back-set, through exposure, in, December, will be felt by them through all the winter. Animals well sheltered require less food than those pinched and suffering in the cold. Horned cattle are often neglected by farmers who are careful and tender with their horses. Poultry, too, require some care. In the way that they are generally treated, the winter is lost time to the whole stock of hens. But with a warm house, having large glass windows on the south side, and with liberal supplies of food and drink, they will supply eggs in winter almost as plentifully as they do in summer.

November work being well done, the crops housed, the stock provided for, the fuel laid in, the ditches cleared to carry away the water from the wheat fields, the cellar banked up, the young trees planted in the old orchard, the Fall ploughing done, the farmer may anticipate several months of comparative leisure, well earned by a long season of industry. And with some instructive and entertaining books, and the COMMERCIAL weekly or daily for his newspaper, we see no reason why the farmer, provided he has good sense and a clear conscience toward God and man, may not spend his winter wisely, pleasantly and usefully.

PUBLIC PARKS.

We have no parks in Pittsburgh. It is too late now to have them. They would not be worth much, if we had them. Trees, shrubbery and grass would not thrive in the smoke. They would be covered and blackened with soot and dust, and soil everything that touched them, if they did thrive. No city needs parks more than Pittsburgh. None is so utterly destitute of them. But it is hopeless. The ground is covered with buildings and pavements. Fifty years ago, the denizens of the Borough used to have Grant's Hill for their park. But Grant's Hill is covered with brick and mortar.

Our only hope is out of the city. There we have fields and groves, hills and dales, trees in their bright skies, rural scenes and splendid prospects, in fact, all that poetry and joy are made of.

"Cool grots and living lakes, the flowing pride
Of meads and streams that through the valley glide"

among them, to the hills, the groves, the grassy fields and the flowers, when sultry summer heats oppress you. But ah! the paradise is not for your enjoyment. A labeled board or a ferocious dog warns you to keep off the premises. You must immerse yourself again in the atmosphere of smoke, and resume your fellowship with dust and ashes for evermore, till you go to that beautiful and quiet retreat, where entrance is never disputed and tenure is never disturbed—unless you get a park out of the city, that you can resort to while you live.

There is no park in the world, so perfect in every respect as the Central Park in New York and none kept in such complete order, so clean, so free from everything offensive to taste and morals. It is in a measure out of the city and yet is in the city. It is a rurality of itself, so extensive, so woody, so diversified in surface and scenery. It is a place of attraction winter and summer, for pedestrians and equestrians, having foot paths and roads winding for miles among its lakes and streams, groves and flowers.

Pittsburgh needs a park out of the smoke of the city. We must be content with something less extensive and less expensive than that of New York. But we might have one of size, elegance and convenience proportionate to our city, to which for health and recreation, the aged and the young, of all classes and professions, might occasionally resort, and where, by proper police arrangements, they might enjoy themselves in safety and amusement with no danger of annoyance or injury. That we might have such a civilizing, refreshing, healthful place, for social resort and personal recuperation does not admit of a doubt. Whether we shall have it, depends on the citizens themselves.

THE ARTESIAN WELLS OF CHICAGO.

Pure water has been a desideratum long wished for by the inhabitants of Chicago, and only two months ago they sunk an immense crib in the lake some distance from the city, by means of which, with other appliances, they hoped to supply it with *aqua vitæ*. The successful completion of a second artesian well in that city has demonstrated that there is a subterranean stream beneath the city, whose crystal water is free from hydrogen and sulphur, and, therefore, quite pleasant for drinking or domestic use. The first artesian well in that city was bored under the direction of some spiritualists in 1864, who said revelations had been made to them that petroleum existed in large quantities beneath a certain tract of land near the city, and that also upon the same spot would be found a well or stream of the best, purest and healthiest water anywhere known, and that it would come to the surface in a jet-d'eau. This well supplies the people of the city for all time to come. In December, 1864, at a depth of seven hundred and eight feet, water was discovered, and is now flowing at the rate of 600,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. The water is perfectly free from sediment, and clear and colorless, and of 58° temperature.

The company owning the well were not disheartened because they did not strike oil, but immediately commenced the sinking of another well in the vicinity. The cost of the first well was about $8,000, but that of the second was far less, owing to the first well furnishing the water-power with which to do the drilling. The new well was struck on Tuesday night, at a depth of 690 feet, and has now a diameter of five inches, but will be enlarged to twenty inches, when it will have a discharge capacity of 17,000,000 gallons daily. The process of boring these wells was similar to that pursued in the oil regions. The two wells are now flowing eight hundred thousand gallons per day, and when their bore is enlarged, the quantity will be correspondingly increased. Such powerful wells in that locality are remarkable, and can only be accounted for on the theory that the water is from some subterranean stream whose fountain head is in far off mountains.

THE TRIAL OF DAVIS.

It appears to have been settled definitively that JEFFERSON DAVIS will be tried for treason at an early day. There may or may not be some significance in the fact that this assurance comes to us at the same time we are informed that the execution of WIRZ will take place to-morrow. Therefore, the petitions which, with bad taste and worse loyalty, portions of the Southern people have for some time back been crowding on the attention of the President, have their answer. It seems to be accepted as highly probable, that in case DAVIS is convicted, the President will pardon him or commute his punishment. We think it very likely that this depends a good deal on the tone and bearing of the South itself. It is not to be disguised that of late these have not been calculated to win favor inside or outside of the Executive chamber, and it is not impossible that the hand disposed to mercy may be nerved to sign even the death warrant of JEFFERSON DAVIS.

SOMETHING NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN.

It is one of the things which we may pretty safely count on, that before long we shall have a new city charter, or the old one so remodeled that it will be nearly the same as new. We trust that those to whom the work has been or shall be committed will bear well in mind the inestimable importance of guarding the public health. Not only should a Board of Health be provided for, but it should be liberally endowed with power and charged with duties, the nature of which we need not stop to explain or discuss. This is one of the worst short-comings of our present charter, and we see the consequences in a thousand things little to the credit of our city.

We take the liberty of throwing out these hints, more in response to the suggestions of others, than from any thought of our own that the subject is at all liable to be overlooked.

ERIE

Virginia, oddly enough, laps over upon our Western boundary, with a nice little strip of land, still more oddly called the Pan-Handle. Our State, too, has a sort of pan-handle, or hook, on the south-western corner of New York. This, from its shape, was called the Triangle. It was not included in Pennsylvania originally, nor in any other State. The Virginia Pan-Handle and the Triangle were both made by one survey of Pennsylvania boundaries, required to be made by extending MASON & DIXON'S line five degrees west from the Delaware river, and then running one orth to the north line of the State. This north line did not reach Lake Erie, as Pennsylvania did not then touch the water. A triangular piece of land, of about two hundred thousand acres, was left between the boundaries of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania, which the latter bought of the United States about 1790, for seventy-five cents an acre, besides something paid to the Indian owners. The purchase embraced Presquile, and gave our Commonwealth a harbor on Lake Erie.

The triangle became a part of Erie county, which was organized some ten years later, out of Westmoreland and Washington, and embraced for a time the territory now covered by Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Lawrence, Warren and Erie. The county contained, by the census of 1860, fifty thousand inhabitants, and the city of Erie about ten thousand. Its later growth has been rapid and healthy, and it may be set down now probably as containing fifteen thousand inhabitants. By its fine harbor, it has a fair share of the lake commerce, and it has excellent railroad communications with the East and West, and both railroad and canal communication direct with Pittsburgh. It is a handsome city, both in site and internal appearance, and is growing rapidly, by the intelligence and enterprise of its citizens. Its business, schools, and churches are in a thriving condition. The Lake City is an hope and a beauty to the Keystone State.

HOW TO DEFINE THE STATUS OF THE NEGRO.—The London correspondent of the *Nation* has evidently been as much perplexed about the status of the negro as his fellow-mortals on this side of the Atlantic. In his researches he has fished up a very nice little bit of history on the Napoleonic idea of a method of abolishing slavery. Although we very much prefer the plan adopted by the late President LINCOLN, yet the world may be either benefitted or disgusted by the unearthed opinion of the great NAPOLEON given in a conversation at Elba, about half a century ago. The subject being slavery in St. Domingo, the Emperor is said to have given his opinion as follows:

"The only mode of abolishing slavery altogether would be to permit polygamy. He had proved this opinion at Cairo, where he had observed much difference between the effect of the estimation which belongs to individuals, the attributed this quality to the prevalence of polygamy. Men are *generous* when, and only when permitted, will prefer having wives of various colors. The quantity, too, has also a great influence; females of different complexion frequently meet together under the roof of the same husband from distant parts of the Asiatic and African continents. Thus the offspring of a white, a mulatto, and a black are brought up together, sit at the same table, and receive the same education, which removes the prejudices prevailing generally among the whites against persons of color. He therefore had proposed once to a French bishop that polygamy should be permitted in the West Indian Islands; but monseigneur would not hear of it."

Surely this would have been a very up hill way of building up civilization—of making society, but it did not work out emancipation in our Southern States, where we rather think the Napoleonic theory had quite a trial for many years.

BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—This honored institution has declared a semi-annual dividend of *five*—not two per cent., as was published—it being its *one hundred and first*. Although, we believe, almost the only bank in the State operating under the old system, it continues to pay to the stockholders regularly ten per cent. per annum in dividends, having omitted not a dividend for half a century. It was a libellous misprint to say the Bank of Pittsburgh had declared a paltry *two* per cent. dividend!

THE OHIO SENATORSHIP.—The Senatorial contest in Ohio appears not to have been entirely settled by the election. The friends of Mr. SHERMAN feel pretty confident. On the contrary, the supporters of General SCHENCK are by no means hopeless. It is understood that if the election is not postponed too long SHERMAN'S chances are much the best. They may be spoiled, however, by contingencies incident to the changeful condition to which parties and individuals find themselves exposed. The friends of JOHN A. BINGHAM, in this view of matters, are not entirely hopeless.

THE election for State officers in North Carolina takes place to-day. HOLDEN and WORTH are the candidates. Both claim to be Unionists. At one time it was supposed that HOLDEN would have no opposition, but from present appearances WORTH will show a good deal of strength.

ART IN CHICAGO.—Crosby's Art Gallery in Chicago, was opened on Monday evening last and according to the papers of that city it was an event of much interest,—says the *Republican*. Last night the cram of people was so enormous that it was with great difficulty one could pass another. All the room on the artist's floor were thrown open to the visitors. The rooms were carpeted and the walls were clothed with pictures. "The itinerants" attracted a good deal of attention, for its simplicity, pathos, and reality. Healy contributed a wonderfully lifelike portrait of General Sherman, scarred, furrowed and "smudged," like the original—all the while, they soul of the man flashing out of his small, forty eyes. This he calls "War"—and a clerical portrait opposite to it, finely executed and full of feeling, he calls "Peace." The ideas are well represented in the two subjects.

Beard, Fisher & Co. has made a new picture for the present exhibition from one of his summer studies, in which he shows a great improvement in style and method. Ford has also a good piece here—good as composition, although injured in treatment, and this is the fault of not a few so many artists. Fewer pictures and better—less haste and more style—that is what is needed here and everywhere. Jerry has a fine, broad seascape, full of atmosphere and feeling, but it looks unfinished. Antrobus has some portraits—general ugliness and Logan—and a piece called "The Rainy Day."

Among the foreign pictures, those which pleased us best were the "Yo Semite Valley," by Bierstadt; some fruit pieces by Hall; a little sublimity in "The Keeper's Lodge," and more than a very characteristic landscape by Shattuck; a grand Rembrandtish forest scene, called "The Coming Storm," by George Innis, and a few others.

It is but fair to say that the press was so great, and the lights so badly distributed, that we had no fair chance of making a judgment upon many of them.

RATS TESTING IVORY.—Rats are useful in an indirect way in testing ivory. Not only is the fact of the rat's judgment in choosing good ivory, by making a meal of it, acknowledged and acted upon by the turner who wishes to get a good piece of ivory, but the marks of the teeth will show what the substance of the ivory, otherwise concealed under the external crust of the tusk, is like—whether it be hard or inclined to ferent. Many a turner will give the merchant a higher price for a tusk, previous to the first cut, than he will saw off the tip that he may see more of the quality of the ivory—whether the tusk is sound throughout. Now, if the rat had been gnawing, the turner does not make this request, because in the grooves eaten by the rat he can see plainly what the substance under the external coat is.

In Silliman's Journal of Science is a report of experiments made by Rev. Frederic Gardiner on the ice of the Kennebec river. By inserting a line of stakes in the ice across the river in the early part of February, he found, in the middle of March, that there had been an expansion of the ice of over twelve feet in a breadth of five hundred feet. As during this time the surface level of the water was nearly equal, the expansion must have been due to the sun's rays, which was proved by the fact that there was the least expansion on the eastern side, where the ice was partially shielded from the sun by a high bank.

A WOMAN named Boursica, at Champlitte, France, has an extraordinary talent for killing snakes. She discovers their retreat by her sense of smell, and then attracts them to the surface of the ground by the aid of liquor of her own composition, of their appearance she says that their heads a small portion of the liquor, which stupefies them, and so they are easily killed. Between the first of May and the 10th of September of the present year she destroyed 2,274 of these reptiles, for which she received 1,774 *francs*, the premium for the destruction of vipers being 25 centimes each.

BAYARD TAYLOR informs the editor of the *Rural Advertiser* that he raised the present season a few plants of the real Latakia tobacco, probably the first ever grown in the United States. The seed was brought from Egypt, and he considers the plants he has grown fully equal to any he ever saw on Mount Lebanon, from whence the celebrated Latakia tobacco comes. It is quite a distinct species, having a broad velvet leaf, and a pale yellow blossom.

VIRGINIA UNITED STATES SENATOR.—Hon. John M. Botts is to be one of the United States Senators from Virginia. The Norfolk *Post* says: "There can be little doubt of Mr. Botts's election to the United States Senate, though General Milson, of Norfolk, has been suggested also, Milson is a man of great intellect and high character. Like Mr. Botts, he has been a Unionist throughout the late struggle."

IT was a curious freak of the late tornado in Minnesota that stretched the telegraph wires sixty feet. When found by a repairer, the wire, though disconnected from any main battery, was so charged with electricity that is communicated a severe shock nineteen hours after the storm had passed. It is supposed that the wire was so overcharged as to become red hot, and in that condition stretched by the sheer force of the wind.

EMIGRATION.—Accordingto an report presented, on the 31st inst., to the German Emigrant Association of New York, there were counted at Castle Garden 30,000 emigrants who landed at that port during the month of October.

THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

Familiar Talks and Suggestions with the View of Finding a Remedy.

CHEMISTRY OF THE COMBUSTION OF COAL.

As the influence of true scientific knowledge is making itself felt more and more in our manufacturing enterprises, it is indeed to be wondered that the subject of combustion, so well understood in science, still remains so little known as a *practical act*.

We know, for instance, *scientifically*, the relative proportions in which the constituents of the atmospheric air are combined; we know, *scientifically*, that coal is rich in hydrogen and that other compounds of carbon require given *quantities* of atmospheric air to effect their perfect combustion; we know further, *scientifically*, that the inflammable gases are combustible only in proportion to the degree of mixture and union which is effected between them and the oxygen of the air; but, we ask the reader, do we find these so well known scientific principles carried out in practice?

The combustion of coal involves all the before named principles, and it is only by the aid of chemistry that a more sound and correct knowledge can be obtained.

The chemical analysis of caking coal gives us an average of 83 per cent. carbon, 5 per cent. hydrogen, 6 per cent. oxygen and nitrogen, with about 2½ per cent. ashes. The hydrogen and carbon are united and solid. Their respective characters and modes of entering into combustion are, however, essentially different, and to our object of this primary distinction is referable most of the difficulty and complication which attend the use of coal on the large scale of our furnaces, the production of the vast volumes of dense smoke which obscure our sky and fill everything with which they come in contact.

The bituminous portion is convertible to the purposes of heat in the *gaseous state alone*, while the carbonaceous portion, on the contrary, is combustible *only in the solid state*, and what is essential to be remembered, *neither can be consumed while they remain united*.

The general impression is, that coal, spoken of under the name of fuel, enters into combustion at once, on the application of heat, and that, during such combustion, it evolves the gaseous matter which it contains. This is, as we shall soon demonstrate, a gross error.

When heat is first applied to coal, whatsensues? A charge of fresh coal thrown on a furnace in an active state, so far from augmenting the general temperature, becomes at once an absorbent of it, and the source of the volatilization of the bituminous portion of the coal, the consequent generation of gas. Volatilization is the most cooling process of nature, because of the large quantity of heat which from its sensible is converted into its latent state. So long as any gas is evolved and bituminous matter remains to be generated from the coal a comparative low temperature is maintained, the carbonaceous part—the coke—has to wait its turn for its own necessary heat to be subjected to combustion in its own peculiar way. If this bituminous part be not consumed and fully turned to account, it would have been better had it not existed in the coal, as such heat would, in that case, have been saved and made available for the business of the furnace. As this circumstance may be attributed to the alleged comparatively great heating properties of coke or anthracite, over bituminous coal, the first step toward effecting a perfect combustion of coal is to ascertain the nature of the constituents of the fuel, and the exact quantity of atmospheric air; that is, of its oxygen, necessary for complete combination, and then to examine the various conditions under which *perfect* combustion can take place, and thereby furnish the data for exact data, and in order to give to the reader the means to understand us better, and to enable him to calculate, by himself, we will give some of the most important points. The first—Gases evolved from heated coal are: Carburetted and bicarburetted hydrogen. The second gas is composed of two volumes of hydrogen and one of carbon vapor, three times being condensed into the bulk of a single atom of hydrogen. By weight 75.17 parts of carbon are combined with 24.83 of hydrogen. The second gas is constituted of two volumes of hydrogen with two volumes of hydrogen condensed into one volume of hydrogen or by weight 85.7 parts carbon and 14.3 hydrogen.

Atmospheric air is composed of two atoms of nitrogen and one of oxygen; each of the former being equal to the volume of an atom of the latter, while their relative weight are as fourteen to eight, the gross volume of nitrogen, in air, being thus four times that of the oxygen, and its specific gravity equal to eight. In the two gas, the constituents are condensed into two-fifths of their gross bulk. This is not the case with air; an atom of which is the same both as to bulk and weight, as the sum of its constituents.

On the application of heat, or what may be termed the firing or lighting the gas, when duly mixed with air, the hydrogen separates itself from its fellow-constituent, the carbon, and forms a union with oxygen, the produce of which is *water*. The saturating equivalent of an atom, or any given quantity of hydrogen, is not double the volume as in the case of carbon, but only one-half. Volume only, the product being aqueous vapor, that is, steam; the relative weights or the combining volumes being one of hydrogen to eight of oxygen.

The carbon of the gas, uniting its equivalent of oxygen, unites with it, forming carbonic acid gas, composed of one atom of carbon by weight six, and two atoms of oxygen, by weight sixteen, the latter in volume being double that of the former.

Having ascertained the quantity of oxygen required for the combustion of the two constituents of coal gas, we will now ascertain the quantity of air that will be required to supply this quantity of oxygen.

As oxygen is but one-fifth of the bulk of the air, five volumes of the latter will be required to produce one of the former; and as we want two volumes of oxygen for each volume of the coal gas, it follows that, to obtain those two volumes, we must provide ten volumes of air.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The ship owners of Philadelphia held a meeting on Monday evening, at which it was resolved to ascertain what amount of subscriptions could be raised for the purpose of establishing lines of steamers between that city and the southern ports. Mr. WILLIAM M. CLARK presided.

The International Union of Bricklayers met at Baltimore a day or two ago, elected officers, adopted a constitution and transacted some other items of important business, after which they adjourned to meet on the second Monday of January next.

The Empire Hook and Ladder Company of Philadelphia elected their officers last week, the late ones in that city, received the same honor.

The Musical Fraternity of Philadelphia are having sessions every afternoon and evening this week, under the leadership of Professor Simpson. The object of the convention is to promote congregational singing.

Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, all over the country, are now assembled in the transactions of the late General Convention at Philadelphia.

At Grand Rapids, Mich., sixteen new brick stores, two blocks three and four stories high, have been erected the present season.

Another discharged soldier in Detroit was robbed and beaten nearly to death last Friday.

At Detroit, a Fenian Sisterhood is in contemplation. Daniel Webster said that it required the ladies to finish Bunker Hill monument at Washington; now we may expect.

This is the Jewish month, Heshven or Marheshven, during which three fasts are held by the devout Germian Jews.

The number of deaths in Baltimore last week was eighty-four.

The Natchez *Democrat* tells of the finding of a bone at Muddy Fork, which must have belonged to the body of a giant at least thirty feet high.

The price of gas in Covington, Ky., has advanced from $3 to $3.25 per 1,000 feet.

At Chicago a new flouring mill is being erected, eighty four feet high, with a smoke-stack one hundred and twenty feet high. The mill is to contain eight run of stone.

A Masonic monthly is about to be started at Indianapolis.

The Sons of Temperance in Philadelphia are getting up a series of Sunday evening sermons.

The whole number of deaths in New York last week was 618.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* says he has heard that a prominent officer of the Fenian Brotherhood has received an intimation from a high quarter a Washington that the proceedings of the Order, in the matter of issuing bonds, is calculated to embarrass the United States Government in its relations with foreign powers, and that the continuance of the movement would be accepted as new evidence of the loyalty of that numerous class of infidel citizens whom the Fenian organization profess to represent. The intimation, there is reason to believe, is the result of a recent communication received at the State Department from the Governor General of Canada.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* thinks that the result of the investigation relative to the late explosion of the steamboat St. John, New York, would convince an ordinary person that science is a sham and scientific evidence all guess work.

The Nashua Iron Works, New Hampshire, employ ninety hands, and the monthly pay roll is about $5,000. The business of the establishment last year amounted to the turning out of boilers to the value of a million of dollars. Mr. S. K. Wellman, is the superintendent of the works.

Two turrets for iron clads recently sent from the Atlantic works, East Boston, to Portsmouth, N. H., weighed 170 tons each, and each contained 870 pieces of iron.

The capacity of both the water reservoirs which supply Boston with water is 730,000,000 gallons.

REBELS IN MEXICO.—Henry W. Allen, late Confederate Governor of Louisiana, now engaged with Gen. Price, Gen. Magruder, Commodore Maury, and other American emigrants, in superintending the colonizing of lands for colonists in Mexico, is proprietor and publisher of a newspaper in the City of Mexico, the Mexican *Times*, the first number of which appeared on the 16th of September. In the salutatory address the publisher of the *Times* makes the announcement that the Journal will be devoted to the best interests of the Mexican Empire. Its special object will be to advocate immigration and progress in their fullest meaning and extent; urges emigrants from the United States and Europe, who wish rich, productive and cheap lands, to come without delay and accept the very liberal offer made by the Imperial Government. After descanting at length upon the desirableness of the climate, the productions of the soil, and the advantages to accrue to emigrants to that country, this remarkable salutatory closes in the following glowing strain:

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THE CHOLERA.

Provisions for Averting its Effects—Movements in Philadelphia and Chicago—Physician's Theory in Providence, Rhode Island—An Antidote Named.

The alarm has been sounded that cholera is on the wing like a destroying angel, and the result is that sensible people everywhere; families and communities, are beginning to look ahead, and are laying their plans to baffle the scourge of that awful disease.

Mayor Lowry has briefly but promptly given the proper warning to our citizens, and called upon them to give him their aid, by way of information, in the work of enforcing the city ordinances relative to sanitary matters. It is to be presumed that the people will take due advantage of this and report all cases of sanitary nuisance at the Mayor's office.

The City Councils of Chicago have authorized the Mayor and Controller to issue certificates of indebtedness to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, bearing interest at the rate not to exceed eight per cent., this money to be appropriated for the sole purpose of cleaning the streets, alleys, sewers, drains, and such other places as may be necessary to insure the greatest possible purity of the city, for the purchase of disinfecting materials for hospital and quarantine purposes, and to secure the strict enforcement of all health ordinances, nuisance ordinances, scavenger ordinances, and all sanitary rules, laws and all rules and regulations of the Board of Health.

The physicians of the same city are moving in the matter, and on Tuesday evening held a meeting "to consider the best means of improving the sanitary condition of the city, and to suggest to the authorities and to the community the necessary action to provide against the ravages of epidemic disease."

The Select Council of Philadelphia have also appropriated the sum of $20,000 to the service of the Board of Health for the purpose of having all the sanitary ordinances carried out to the letter whether the ehonera visits that city or not.

In a report made by Dr. Edwin M. Snow, of Providence, Rhode Island, to the Board of Aldermen of that city, the doctor says: "The cholera cannot prevail as an epidemic without the appearance of a certain mysterious condition of the atmosphere. Of this atmospheric condition little is known, but it is known that its presence or absence is not affected or regulated, to the slightest possible degree, by quarantine measures. Vessels may have the cholera on board, and may land the sick on our shores, but the disease will never become epidemic, nor spread among the people until this mysterious atmospheric condition is present. But that atmospheric cause may come, and may be present, and the disease may spread epidemically, without any connection with the arrival of vessels from ports where the disease exists. The causes of cholera are, first, the atmospheric conditions of which we have spoken; and second, local conditions of filth and impure air. The diseases cannot prevail without the combined presence of these two causes. The first cause is beyond human control; in advance; and evading it, obedience to the laws of which we know nothing; it crosses continents as oceans and freely as the winds of heaven, and it would be an impossible to attempt to control the movements of the cause of cholera by quarantine laws. But the second cause of cholera, and without which the first would be comparatively powerless for evil, is a very simple one, and within our control, and here is where our duty lies."

Dr. Brodus, a distinguished physician, who is represented to have been one of the most successful physicians in Cincinnati in 1849, in the treatment of the cholera, says that "in all probability the cholera will be here next year, and it may be early in the spring or in winter. We have had some experience in the treatment of this disease in 1849, in Cincinnati, and can give directions which probably will be useful, and we found one article of great importance—that of Prickly Ash bitters. We, therefore, advise all druggists every where to secure as many of these bitters as they can, or at least a reasonable quantity for their trade. We advise the country people know about it and they will gather them. Should the cholera come we shall certainly make use of them. In the manner of using them, it will be time enough to think of that hereafter."

PERSONAL.

—Boston Corbett, the soldier who shot John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, preached in the Methodist Protestant church, at Williamsburgh, New York, on last Sunday.

—The body of Samuel Millet, who was lost in the woods near Grand Haven, Michigan, about a year ago, was found last week by a person logging near the spot.

The Detroit Board of Trade the other day presented their Secretary, Ray Haddock, Esq., with a purse of $200.

—The following are the officers of the Grand Lodge of the Independent order of Odd Fellows in Tennessee for the ensuing year: Oscar F. Prescott, Memphis, M. W. G. Master; W. H. McConnell, Cornersville, P. G. Master; S. H. Hardy, Hunt's Cross Roads, D. M. Warden; R. H. Barry, Nashville, R. W. G. Secretary; R. Thompson, Nashville, R. W. G. Treasurer; J. C. Wells, Franklin, R. W. G. Chaplain; Dr. Hannan, Nashville, Representative to the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States.

A New York correspondent says that the exhibition of the adventures of Gottschalk in San Francisco has forever killed off the handsome but profligate pianist, and though he may not get hobbled here, he is never at all likely to be *felt* as before.

—A young woman's matrimonial advertisement in one of the Portland Me.) papers, received one hundred responses.

—Mrs. Rebecca Hare, of Harvard, now one hundred and six years old, is probably the oldest person in New England.

—At North Becket, Massachusetts, a gravestone, still standing, bears the following inscription: "In memory of Luke Viets, who was shot, supposed for a deer, and died in Becket, October 21, 1807, in the fifteenth year of his age."

STATE ITEMS.

An enterprising firm in Titusville are erecting six houses of the capacity of 3,000 tons. The portals from which the oil is to be procured are already five weeks deep, and would be satisfied with the finds or shelf of petroleum.

The great match for the base ball championship was decided on Monday in favor of the Atlantic Club of Brooklyn, they having defeated the Athletics of Philadelphia by three runs.

A new Methodist church, at Painsville, Huntington county, was dedicated Sabbath last, Rev. Fershing, of Woodsfield, preaching the dedicatory sermon. Seventeen hundred dollars were subscribed by those present towards paying the debt on the new edifice.

Shade Mountain must be a wild, uncivilized region, no less than eleven bears having been captured this season on the Mifflin and Juniata line. Last week all Limbs is reported to be plenty in the middle counties of the state.

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What is Pope's "essay upon Man" to thine?
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To thy "great hits"—in all the "fancy line"?

Gibbon's "Decline and Fall," a twelve years' labor,
Thou hast accomplished quicker than a flash,
And never flung in the face of clay "brave Turk,"
Thou couldn't not paint with one "artistic dash."

Than Colt's "repeating arm" thy "shots" are quicker,
The "one, two's" make the beating "two time,"
Thy motto is the Scotch one, "to make sicker"—
And true men of are by thy "fists" undone.

To excite the bards: "thou make'st each yokel" out
To crook the pregnant hinges of the knee,"
"And wisdom at one effort am" quite shut out."
Succumbs, of course—when father's closed—to thee.

Quoth Shakspeare's Anthony to Shakspeare's Cæsar,
"I do pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth,"
But Thee, cursed mauler of "cronk" or "sincere,"
Not spilliest blood as though t'were nothing worth.

We all denounce thee, instrument immoral,
Tapster of claret, inciter of misery!
Yet on the sanctified head about a quarrel
Between those "horrid brutes" a pair of "pugs."

There is, in fact, in all two-legged carnivora
A bit of bloodhound. Wo mankind, alas!
Desire to know how Tom and Jack behave
Lunge in the ribs, and send their man "to grass."

"It useless blowing up the daily papers,
Since to the public the whole story's "nuts"
Folks who have sin will read all about its capers,
And moral eyes devour the "beastly cuts."

How this man took his pounding like a "gutties,"
How his opponent bore him in the clinch,
What time Tom's change seemed scarcely "worth a button,"
And when a black eye brightened up his hopes.

On 'change, in stores, in elegant society,
Are points of interest earnestly discussed,
Which prove, alas! that human nature's piety,
And when sin drives, the proverb says, "need must."

The head in Chancery, the lex talionis
Of "counter hits" and "weaving," left and right,
Disgust not e'en the upper-crust Adonis
Or non-resistants like Peace Congress Bright.

Muscle is king! In "Samson's Agonistes"
We hand the science that no chair can bind,
And who that knows what a Samsonian fist is,
Does not regret he had to "go it blind?"

Muscle is king! Not Sayers but your doors
Are the real heroes, so says Tom Carlyle;
And upon Heenan certain moral cakers
He, so this poet is informed, their lie.

Mind, I don't like these contests pugilistic,
But, from my heart, I detest to hear of 'em,
Who can defend at need, with prowess fistic
His riches, his wife, his daughter, or himself.

And so to thee, Great Fist, in spite of censors,
The hand of fellowship I here extend,
Strong be thy bones, thy flexors and extensors,
And prompt to aid fistic amateur or a friend.

Talk of the strikes of shoemakers refractory,
Thine for high wages are more potent still,
What are the strikes of a New England factory,
To thine delivered in an English mill?

LITERARY.

A chronicle of the book taste of the day would be very incomplete that omitted any allusion to the fashion for "large paper" copies now ranging with virulence and an unhealthy disregard for pecuniary considerations among our would-be amateurs. When a book, by its embellishments or the perfection of its mechanical execution, becomes a real work of art, a large-paper copy offers claims to an ordinary one, as a fine proof plate of a large-paper book into his library. The whole thing is perfectly arbitrary, reducible to no rules, and depending entirely on the caprice and fancies or individual fancy. The early printers, before A. D. 1500, were the accustomed to this luxury; the first well-ascertained book on large paper was the edition of Livy printed by Aldus about the year 1518. The only copy known to be preserved was bought by Lord Spencer at one of M. Renouard's auction sales, for £99 8s. By far the greatest number of classical editions of this large paper have no extra value on that account, but are rather regarded as lumber. There are two curious exceptions: the Horace printed by Robinson, and printed at Oxford, 1737, 4to, with, for an ordinary copy in quarto, fifteen shillings. Ten copies only were printed on *large paper*, making a folio; they are worth over one hundred pounds. The last copy sold brought at an auction at Brighton, where no one was acquainted with its value, about twenty years since, two guineas and a half. It was subsequently purchased by Lord Vernon for one hundred and thirty pounds. Another instance is mainly curious: Dante with Wella's edition of Xenophon, in five volumes octavo, is a very ordinary book, "neither critical nor elegant," and worth about two pounds. A **set** on large paper sold for £7 10s. in 1819. Theodore Williams's library, the only known Shakspeare on large paper would undoubtedly command one thousand pounds for a fine copy, should it now be discovered in Shakspeare's day of the volumes most desired by American collectors is a large paper copy of "Mather's Magnalia" (Lond., 1702.) Four or five probably are known. They had **no** value in England before Bliss was created, by the publication of his library. A fine copy was bought for ten shillings at a country town in Yorkshire that has since sold for £6, and would bring much more money now.

When Sir William Blackstone resolved to apply himself to the study of law, when he was only twenty-one years old, and a fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, he determined also to renounce most of his cherished literary pursuits, to close his ninth volume of Ogilby, to abandon mathematics, to relinquish his passion for architecture, he wrote a book on "Elements" when he was only twenty, to place his violin upon the shelf, and, above all, to register a vow that thenceforth he would dirt no more with the muse of poetry, but apply himself to reason rather than to rhyme. Accordingly, he wrote the well-known valedictory called "The Lawyer's Farewell to his Muse," which were published in *Dodsley's Miscellany*. In this piece, if he rather above the average merit of occasional poetry—which, for the most part, means poetry which ought to perish—he has written that produced it. Never again did William Blackstone tag a rhyme. His was no lover's farewell—which solemnly takes leave only to sure to come back in an hour or two—none of the eternal adieus made at night and broken by morning on the window. He was resolved, and showed his sincerity by remaining devoted, even after, to Thalia rather than to her rival, Erato, or Calliope. Still, his early predilection for polite letters was of infinite advantage to him in later years. When he was writing his "Commentaries," which, for grace and clearness of expression, have never been surpassed. Well might Sir William Jones, the great poet and linguist, who succeeded surly Sam Johnson for a time, declare that the "Commentaries" are the most correct and beautiful model-line that ever was exhibited on any human science, or scarcely on any subject. Blackstone is no more form a lawyer than a general map of the world is, however accurately and elegantly it may be delineated, will make a good geographer.

It is remarkable that Blackstone, who was made a Judge of the Common Pleas, immediately after the whole of his "Commentaries" had appeared, was wholly undistinguished in that capacity. During the ten years he occupied the ermine he was attentive and painstaking, but by no means vigorous or profound. It seemed as if he had written himself out. After rawer and more self-reliant, have not disdained to contribute letters and law at the same time. Talfourd, the dramatist, who expired on the bench while charging the Grand Jury at Stafford Assizes, was one of these; poet, lawyer and orator, he reformed whatever he touched. Many others, at the British and the American bar, have been men of letters as well as men of law. Long after Erskine had retired on his pension as Lord Chancellor (there is a rigid rule in England that a man who has once been a judge can never return to the practice of the law), he amused himself with literature. In 1817, when he was nearly seventy years old, he published "Armata, a political romance." An hour before he went to the bar, he was known as a wit and verse-maker; and at Trinity College where he was a fellow-commoner, a parody of his upon Gray's Pindaric ode, "The Bard" is still remembered and quoted, a "Miss Whitelock on his having been made late of the College dinner by the tardiness of Coe, his hair-dresser. The opening stanza may serve as a specimen:

"Attend, whoever thou art, whose stupid pate
Confides on thy frizzing wait!
Hadst thou the nifty cully built,
Then nevermore shouldst touch my pate!
Ohoh nor one, nor twice! but still,
Nor e'en thy chattering lure shall avail
To save thy horsewhipped back from daily fears,
From Calnaby's curse, from Lamb's flail."

A society of French historical antiquarians, who meet once a month at Metz for the purpose of having a good dinner, and of rehabiting Joan of Arc, have discovered, they think, that she was not burnt at all, but only her clothes and children, and died quietly at Metz. By an extract from the *Moniteur* of December 30, 1865, it appears that one Father Vignier, of the Oratory, discovered at Metz, and had copied before a notary public a manuscript, dated 1436, that, in 1430, Joan came to Metz, where her two brothers met her and instantly recognized her, though they thought she had been burnt long before. To test her, "lui donna le Sieur Nicolle un cheval, le Sieur Aubert Roullenin chaperon, le Sieur Grognet une epee, et ladite pucelle monta sur le cheval tres lestement," at the same time telling Nicolle that he would prove her identity—to his satisfaction, at least. She married Mons. des Armoises, chevalier, and Father Vignier is lucky enough, even now, to find the very marriage contract, dated 1439. This last circumstance, which does not appear to have weakened the belief in the identity of the whole matter as a veritable mid-antique.

A correspondent of the London *Reader* undertakes a poem of Tom Moore's, or what he remembers of one, in connection with the recently published "Journal" of Miss Berry. "In Miss Berry's Journal, Vol. III., p. 31 is the following entry, dated Saturday, July 19, 1817: 'In the evening at Lady Castlereagh's! At the foot of the staircase we met Blucher, who came with Lord Stuart from Carlton House. Blucher, turned being the worse for it, had great difficulty in getting up stairs. I recollect seeing his boots, thighs by Moore, celebrating the revival meeting at Carlton House, probably this one of Saturday, the 9th of July, when Blucher dined with the Prince Regent.' The ultimate beginning:

"O wine is the thing to make veterans tell
Of their deeds and their triumphs—and punch does as well.
As the Regent and Blucher, the sober old pair,
Fairly revived Arthur Sight when they sapped—you know where,
and ended with the words:
"And the Marshal cried "charge" and the bumpers were raised,
Till the fat forbet veteran sank on the ground,
And old Blucher himself was carried away dead
To see one worthy potentate more at his feet."

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By order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN M. ROBINSON, Secretary.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 1, 1865.

AMUSEMENTS.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.
LESSEE AND MANAGER..... WM. HARRISON.

Fourth night of the
GRIGNI AND SUSINI ITALIAN OPERA CO.
THIS (Thursday) EVENING, November 9th, 1865,
Gounod's new Opera of
FAUST,
With the following excellent cast
Margherita.....Miss Pauline Canissa,
Siebel.....Mme Patti Strakosch,
Faust.....Signor Brignoli,
Valentino.....Signor Bernard,
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Wagner.....Signor Lorenzi,
Marta.....Signor Locatelli.
Peasants, Students and soldiers.
The Grand Chorus and Orchestra Band under the direction of Signor Rosa.
On Friday evening, (last night but one,) "La Traviata."
On Saturday, farewell night. "Don Giovanni."
Admission to Parquette and Dress Circle $1 00. Reserved seats 50c extra. Family Circle 25c. Admission 75c.
Tickets for sale at C. C. Mellor's Music Store, No. 81 Wood street.
Doors open at 7½. Opera commences at 8.

VOCAL CONCERT.

We, the undersigned, pupils of Mr. CLEMENT TERTEDUUX, take pleasure in announcing to our friends and the musical community, that we shall give a VOCAL CONCERT at MASONIC HALL, on the 13th instant.
Soprani—Mrs. Emily Cram, Mrs. Annie Sheib, Miss Emeline Addison, Miss Libbie Schwartz, Miss Maggie McCandless, Miss Mary Laughlin.
Mezzo Soprano—Miss Eliza Cowley.
Contralti—Miss Lelia Addison, Miss Sallie Ward.
Tenore—Mr. Paul Zimmerman.
Baritoni—Mr. Wm. Edwards, Mr. Henry Colton.
Admission 75 cents, secured seats, $1. Doors will open at 7½ o'clock, and Concert begin quarter to 8 o'clock. The sale of tickets will commence at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, Nov. 9th, at C. C. MELLOR'S Music Store, 81 Wood street.
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NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE WHITNEY CREEK OIL COMPANY,
PITTSBURGH, November 3, 1865.

NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Stockholders, convened on the 1st inst., to "determine whether or not an assessment should be levied on the capital stock of said company," the following action was had and determined: That an assessment of TWENTY CENTS PER SHARE be levied on said stock, payable on onth per shares on or before the 15th day of this present month, five cents December 1st, 1865, and five cents January 1, 1866. All are hereby notified to pay their respective assessments to the Treasurer of the Company, at their office, in Wilkins Hall, said city. At the meeting aforesaid, it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary be directed to call a meeting of the stockholders of the Whitney Creek Oil Company, at their office, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst. at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of refusing the capital stock of said company.
THOS. STERL,
nov6-8 Secretary.

OFFICE OF ELDORADO OIL COMPANY,

N. E. corner Fifth and Walnut streets, Philadelphia, Nov. 1, 1865.

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders, of ELDORADO OIL COMPANY, will be held at their office, on MONDAY, the 20th day of November, 1865, at 12 o'clock, M., for the purpose of electing five directors to serve for the ensuing year; also for such other business as may be brought before them.
Transfer Books will be closed at 3 P. M., on the 23d and reopened on the 27th of November.
nov7-9-11-16-17-18 R. A. MITCHELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF ELDORADO OIL

COMPANY, N.E. corner Fifth and Walnut streets, Philadelphia, Nov. 2, 1865.

Notice is hereby given that at the annual meeting of the Stockholders of Eldorado Oil Company, to be held at their office, on MONDAY, the 20th day of November, 1865, at 12 o'clock, M., a proposition will be submitted to reduce the capital stock from one million dollars ($1,000,000) to four hundred thousand, ($400,000) par two dollars.
JOHN MUNHALL, Prest.
Witness H. ASHTON,
WM. ARNOTT,
E. B. VANUXEM,
R. A. MITCHELL,
} Directors.
nov7-9-11-16-17-18

OFFICE WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY,
PITTSBURGH, October 31, 1865.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO the stockholders of the Western Transportation Company, that a special meeting will be held at the office of said company on WEDNESDAY, the 15th DAY of November, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of
A. J. McDOWELL, Sec'y. T. P. JEWETT, President.
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PROFESSIONAL NOTICE.

I have this day associated GEORGE S. FOSTER, M. D., with me in the practice of

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October 7, 1865.—oct9-3m

OAKLAND PARK, September 18, 1865.

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Working Fund.....25,000.
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JOHN CROFT, Secretary and Treasurer. oct9-1m

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Lioness, " 155	180	35	8	5	1,000
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MONDAY Nov. 20th, 1865.
COMMENCING AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON, AT THE
U. S. NAVAL STATION,
Mound City, Ill.,
The following Gunboats and other Vessels lately composing a portion of the Mississippi Squadron:

	Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Draught.	Tonnage.
	feet. in.	feet. in.	feet. in.	feet. in.	tons.
Champion, No. 5	205	35	8	—	1,000
Gen. Pillow, " 83	175	47	8	8	1,000
G. Westermann, " 75	175	45	8	—	1,000
Katahdin, " 156	180	35	8	—	1,000
Little Rebel, " 66	191	46	9	5	1,000
Lioness, " 155	180	35	8	5	1,000
Red Rover, " 66	180	46	10	7	1,000
Sovereign, " 223	180	46	10	7	1,000
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Rural Rider, Pa. ..... JOHN PORTER.
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Library, Pa. ..... J. MCCLURG.
Fairchance, Pa. ..... W. N. SIMS.
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CITY MATTERS.

A Large Fly-wheel in One Piece.

The reputation of the Fort Pitt Works for the manufacture of large guns has become world wide. There the heaviest castings have been made. The twenty-inch gun, cast within the precincts of the works, was regarded as wonder enough for one era—one of the grandest, one of the weightiest developements of the war. We have heard of rudeness in the way of job on their own premises, or on those of the person giving the order. In olden times when a family wanted to be clothed, it was not unusual to have the tailor come in for the time and live in one of its inmates until he had cut and sewed clothes for the whole family. It is customary to give out washing or to have it done at home, and so on in a thousand walks of life, but until yesterday, it had not been known that an immense fly-wheel, containing about forty two tons of iron, could be cast right in the spot, almost, where it was to be set up. All this is done at this same works, seems to be going out to work to some purpose.

This is the arrangement by which the Sable Iron Works of Messrs. Zug & Co. was, yesterday, provided with the fly-wheel which is in immediate need in future for the driving of their rolling machines. The Fort Pitt Works, with that commendable spirit of accommodation, of courage which has always been their characteristic, undertook to furnish Messrs. Zug & Co. with the fly wheel of which they stood in need, and to cast it right on their own premises. To understand the nature of this neighbourly act, it may be to the reader's advantage to know that between the Fort Pitt Works, where the iron was melted, and the Sable Iron Works, where the wheel was cast, there is an intervention, the Pittsburgh street, which runs from Liberty street to the Allegheny river. It was necessary therefore to conduct the metal from the furnace to the mould by the best means of a long conduit which crossed Walnut street and entered the building in which the moulding of the wheel was ready to receive it. A distance of one hundred and sixty-three feet, and a decline of five and a half feet in the entire the conduit. The iron was melted in two furnaces, one containing thirty-eight tons, and the other ten tons. At the time of the issue was lighted yesterday morning about seven o'clock, and that of the smaller one at half past eight o'clock. The material of the mould contained one-quarter No. 1 Anthracite, and three-quarters Harding Bank. The metal has been selected by Mr. Joseph Stevenson, a pupil, in this line of business, of Mr. Joseph Marshall, the well known superintendent of Iron Bridges.

The process of making the moulding was begun and completed in four days, the work being superintended throughout by Col. Kaye. When the accomplished iron founder. The fact having become known to many that the casting process was to take place yesterday afternoon, a pretty large assemblage of persons was on the ground to witness the ponderous ceremony. A bell cord was run from the moulding to the furnaces, and by certain signals previously agreed upon, the workmen in the latter were under the direction of Col. Kaye, who appeared to have everything just as he wanted it right.

At precisely twenty-three minutes past one o'clock, the colored pulled the bell cord, and in two minutes more the liquid iron was quietly on its way down the conduit, across Walnut street, into Zug's works, the height of which was filled its reception. As the ponderous fiery stream rolled on to its destination the unpractised spectators expressed their gratification at the success of the undertaking. Large openings in the top of the moulding, at intervals, ventilated the casting. Through these the flame would be seen the metal, in its yet fluid state, coursing along the circle of iron, the fly-wheel in search of a resting place. Subsequently the decomposed gases generated in the damp loam by the fervent heat of the iron, because disengaged and burst forth from the orifices referred to, as if in a blaze of triumph over so grand a success.

In ten minutes from the time the metal first began to run into the moulding, it was filled, and the last ball was rung, thereby draw all the furnace to be stopped. Thus in ten minutes a wheel of the following proportions was cast:

Weight of wheel	42 tons.
Diameter of wheel	26 feet.
Number of oval arms	10
Diameter of the hub	10 inches.
Thickness of hub	30 inches.
Bore at centre (diameter)	4 inches.
Thickness from bore outward	7 inches.
Mean section of the arms, 10½ inches wide and 7½ inches thick.	

The wheel will soon be completed and put in place, when it will be another testimony of what can be done by mechanical genius and will.

Court Proceedings.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—Before Judges Stowe and Brown.

Alolee Kumpf, of the Ninth Ward, was fined fifty dollars and costs for illegal liquor selling.

Wm. A. Vanhorn, indicted for committing an assault and battery upon Ellen Barker, was discharged on custody, a *nol. pros.* having been entered in his case at the instance of the District Attorney.

John Keeler was tried for assault and battery upon Peter Sadler. The parties are residents of Allegheny, and the offense is alleged to have been committed at the house of the defendant. The testimony was very conflicting, and the jury were unable to determine which side was right, they returned a verdict of not guilty, dividing the costs between the parties.

Philip Thomas was tried for the larceny of a piano, a melodeon and a school organ from Wunerlich & Barr, H. Kleber & Bro. and Mrs. Charlotte Blume. It appears that Thomas rented the instruments from the parties, and afterwards disposed of them. While playing his piano in the proprietor of a second-hand store, who removed it to the parlor of his dwelling, where it was discovered and identified by the owners. The prisoner plead guilty to each indictment, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years and eight months. Thomas attempted to break out of jail a few weeks ago, but his design was frustrated by the sheriff's watch.

Edward O'Donnell plead guilty to a charge of builders' larceny, and was sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars and costs, and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for three months.

Domenick Carey was found guilty on a charge of selling liquor without a license, and was fined thirty dollars and costs.

Catharine Fitzpatrick, of the Seventh Ward, was arraigned on a charge of selling liquor without license. On trial.

The Municipal Officers.

To the Editor of the Commercial:

The City Republican Executive Committee is called to meet at the office of J. H. Baldwin, Esq., No. 95 Diamond street, on Thursday, November 9th, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. As the committee is large and no publication has yet appeared in the papers, please insert the names of the committee as appointed by resolution of the late convention, as follows:

First Ward—James Rees, A. Fryer.
Second Ward—John Marshall, James Reed.
Third Ward—Wm. Simpson, Thomas Geoghegan.
Fourth Ward—Samuel Scott, E. E. Rinehart.
Fifth Ward—Richard Thompson, W. McGowan.
Sixth Ward—John Phillips, Jarel M. Brush.
Seventh Ward—M. K. Morehead, Samuel Barclay.
Eighth Ward—James McWhinney, Daniel Evans.
Ninth Ward—W. O. Davis, George Dobbs.

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

Ladies' Freedmen's Association.

A meeting of the ladies of Pittsburgh and Allegheny was held, according to previous notice, at Christ's M. E. Church, Penn street, on the 6th instant, for the purpose of providing for the pressing physical wants of the Freedmen.

Dr. Joseph Parrish, of Philadelphia, was called to the chair, and Joseph S. Travilli, of the Freedmen's Aid Commission, was requested to act as Secretary, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Snyder, of the M. E. Church, statements were made by Dr. Parrish and Mr. Travelli, showing the pressing need of immediate aid in the way of food and clothing to prevent intense and extended suffering during the present winter. Letters from such persons as Gen. Fiske, of Tennessee, Gen. Scales, of South Carolina, and superintendents and teachers, as well as from citizens of Freedmen in different parts of the country, in a great measure, the failure of the cotton crop to the extensive return to their former people by the Freedmen's Bureau, and the large bands of cases leaving them homeless, homeless and destitute. A Constitution was adopted, and the following persons chosen officers. The Secretary was directed to make the same known through the press, that those not present may be aware of their appointment. They are all especially requested to be present at a meeting to be held at Christ's M. E. Church this (Thursday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock:

President—Mrs. F. R. Brunot, Vice Presidents—Mrs. Wm. Little, Mrs. Major Wade, Miss Harried Weyman, Mrs. Mary Jane Hoyt, Corresponding Secretaries—Miss Mary Lou. Jackson, Miss Hattie Fowler. Recording Secretary—Miss S. Guthrie, Treasurer—Mrs. Wall. Managers—Mrs. N. K. Wade, Mrs. James Irwin, Miss Knox, Miss Rachel McFadden, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. W. A. Herron, Mrs. David McCandless, Miss Belle Fortune, Miss Lydia Robinson, Miss Mary Schwartz, Miss Gillespie, Miss Ellen Irish, Miss Hattie Herr, Miss Hetty Palmer, Mrs. Eliza Agen, Miss Sabina Townsend, Miss Mary Dawson, Miss Margaret Dale, Mrs. Judge Williams, Miss Belle Ewer.

JOSEPH S. TRAVELLI, Secretary.

COMMITTED.—Arthur O'Hanlon and Abraham Kimberly were committed to jail yesterday by Alderman Steele, the former charged with arson by the Insurance Police, and the latter with [illegible]

Incendiarism in Allegheny—The Old Banner Cotton Factory Burned.

Last night about ten o'clock, a fire broke out in a stable, on Avery street, near East Common, Fourth Ward, Allegheny, owned by Mr. Thomas Moore. The alarm was speedily given, but before the steamers could arrive, the building was destroyed. Two horses were in the stable at the time, but only one was saved. The flames communicated to the old Banner Cotton Mill, a large three story brick edifice, which was also burned. The building was occupied by Mr. Benhart as a cabinet making shop, and by Mr. Mooney, as a basket factory. Mr. Mooney, who resided in one end of it, succeeded in saving his household effects. A large quantity of lumber belonging to Mr. Benhart was consumed. The residence of Rev. Dr. Rogers, adjoining, was in great danger for a short time, but through the efforts of the firemen, who labored assiduously, it was saved. The building destroyed belonged to the estate of the late Richard Gray, and was probably insured. The Fourth Ward School Board have been making overtures towards this property, for the purpose of erecting a school building to be used in place of the Canal street edifice, but the purchase had not yet been effected.

The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as Mr. Moore visited his stable at dark, and upon leaving had locked the door. Fortunately the wind was blowing towards the East at the time, and drove the fire from a row of elegant buildings fronting on East Common. Had the wind been in an opposite direction a fearful conflagration might have ensued.

Union Republican Committee.

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H Trovatore.

The Opera Troupe made, last night, a very decided advancement, even over previous estimate, in the public favor. The enchanting music of Trovatore was produced with more generability, we think, than is usual, at least to our experience.

We cannot be critical, writing at a very late hour of the evening, but must say, in entire sincerity, the performance was every way delightful. Ghioni drew upon his resources, and he revealed to us. She exhibited more power, greater compass, and smoother execution than at the former evening. Her voice was in fine order, and she sang with force and feeling.

Mad. Strakosch was also in good voice to a piece of dramatic acting worthy of unqualified praise. We could not but admire the spirit and finish of performance in this line, in the character of the Gypsy. For want of time, we shall ask to be excused from a critique on the singing of Mr. Bernhart, nor Mr. Mooney, as a basket factory. Mr. Mooney, who resided in one end of it, succeeded in saving his household effects. A large quantity of lumber belonging to Mr. Benhart was consumed. The residence of Rev. Dr. Rogers, adjoining, was in great danger for a short time, but through the efforts of the firemen, who labored assiduously, it was saved. The building destroyed belonged to the estate of the late Richard Gray, and was probably insured. The Fourth Ward School Board have been making overtures towards this property, for the purpose of erecting a school building to be used in place of the Canal street edifice, but the purchase had not yet been effected.

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Supreme Court.

WEDNESDAY, November 8—Present, Chief Justice Woodward, and Judges Thompson, Strong and Agnew.

Blake's Administrators vs. Noss; Power. By agreement of counsel, this judgment was affirmed by the Court at the sum of $6,000 and costs, as of this date.

Holmes vs. Clark; Jefferson. Argued by Wm. P. Jenks, for plaintiff in error, and by Gordon, contra.

Hall vs. Patterson and wife; Fayette. Argued by Gilmore, for plaintiff in error; contra not heard.

Hayden vs. Patterson; Fayette. Argued by Kaine, for plaintiff in error, and by ——contra.

Harris vs. Whitehead; Jefferson. Argued by P. Jenks, for plaintiff in error, and Gordon, contra.

Edward Campbell, of Fayette county, and David H. Lloyd, of Allegheny county, administrators of Daniel Kane, and Daniel Downer and Wm. A. Hayford, of Fayette county, on motion of Hon. S. Schoonmaker, were duly qualified to practice in the Supreme Court.

Death of Capt. A. G. Mason.

Captain Albert Gallatin Mason, of the well-known firm of Snowden & Mason, steamboat builders, died at his residence in Brownsville on Friday morning last, after a brief illness, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. Captain Mason has been an enterprising citizen of Fayette county ever since he commenced active life, extending back to the early history of steamboat navigation, and ranked among the most successful pioneers in that business. He was a favorite and his sympathies were all for his country, and continued to the last to labor and pray to secure the triumph of the Union arms. Although he made no pretensions to being a skilled mechanic, he was a master builder. He learned the trade in the building of gunboats for Government, and the great success he achieved in that business is a matter of the satisfaction to the deceased by Government in the construction of the level "Mason" boats. The metal of the man was a stout, able-bodied man, and gave promise of a long and useful life. His numerous friends will be grieved to learn of his death.

Melancholy Suicide.

Yesterday morning a woman, aged forty years, named Mary Burke, a resident of West Pittsburgh, committed suicide by drowning herself in the Monongahela river, above Painter's rolling-mill. It appears that the deceased was a married woman and the mother of five children, but from some cause had separated from her husband, who resides in Troy Hill, and was living with her only child, a boy about twelve years old, who was employed at one of the rolling-mills. Yesterday morning she arose at an early hour, and after partaking of breakfast for her son. After he had left the house, she told some of her neighbors that she did not intend to say [illegible] that night, made up her mind to drown herself. She then went to the river, and without [illegible] plunged boldly in, and threw herself into the water. Search was immediately made for the body, which was discovered some hours afterwards. Coroner Clawson was then sent for, and upon his arrival proceeded to hold an inquest upon the body. Witnesses were examined, who testified that the unfortunate woman had expressed a desire to [illegible] on the day she committed the rash act. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

Arrest of a Thief.

Peter Johnston alias George P. Cushman, was arrested yesterday evening about dark, for stealing a pair of boots from Mr. Hamilton's shoe store, on Sir street. A lot containing boots was standing at the store door, and Cushman stopped to examine them, when he slipped a pair under his coat. Officer Hamilton, who had observed the movement, arrested Mr. Mehaffy of it, when he had Cushman arrested and taken to Alderman Donaldson's office. Upon a search a pair of ladies shoes were also found in his possession, which were identified by Mrs. Hamilton as belonging to her. Alderman committed Cushman to jail for trial.

Assault and Battery.

John Thornton appeared before Mayor Morrison yesterday, and made a charge against a man named Peter Barnes for assault and battery. The parties are both colored men. It appears that Barnes owed a dollar which the prosecutor owed the defendant. A hearing was had in the case last evening, which resulted in Barnes being committed to jail for trial.

Application for Pardon.

Petitions to the Governor for the pardon of Frederick Faulkner, who was tried during the present week, for the murder of Thomas Madden and found guilty of manslaughter, were being circulated through the city yesterday, and were numerously signed. Faulkner is still at the jail in Allegheny, having entered bail in $1,000 for his appearance.

Consolidation.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lawrenceville, held Tuesday evening, S. H. Keller, Burgess, and A. Hoovelder and A. H. Ahlborn, were appointed a committee to confer with the committees of City Councils on the subject of consolidation.

Warrant Issued.

Benjamin Wilson appeared before Alderman Donaldson yesterday, and made information against John Shaffer, a storekeeper of Temperanceville, charging him with surety of the peace and also with selling liquor to a minor. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

Released.

Patrick Scanlon, who was committed to jail on Tuesday, charged with the larceny of goods from the Manchester Depot of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, was released yesterday, by Mr. L. Hutchinson having entered bail for his appearance.

Coal in Cincinnati.

The wholesale rates for Youghiogheny coal in Cincinnati is eighteen cents. Mr. W. H. Brown, of this city, last week sold 21,745 bushels to the Commissioners of Hamilton county, at those figures.

Public Amusements.

Opera House.—A large and fashionable audience witnessed the performance of "Lord Dundreary," by C. Barton Hill last evening, and all were delighted with it. Mr. Hill was equally at good in the character as the original performer of it, Mr. Southern. Next week the companion piece to the "American Cousin" will be performed, where Mr. Hill as "Bodger Bam." To-night he will appear as "Badger," in the popular play of "The Streets of New York."

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United States Certificates	97 00	
Allegheny City 6's		97 50
Lawrence County 7's	80 00	
Butler County 6's		88 00
Allentown and Man. Passenger R. R.	90 00	90 00 ex d
Connellsville Railroad	9 00	
Allegheny and Pittsburgh Oil		7 00
Columbia	37 00	37 00 ex d
Penn and Pittsburgh		60
Eldorado	38	
Flying Cloud	33	
Federal		70
Pittsburgh and Philadelphia		98
Paxton		75
Hitchery		36
Rose	24	
Triumph		2 00
Ralston	1 50	
Crystal National		4 00
Warren and Venango		350 00
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WEDNESDAY, November 8—P. M.

Ever since Secretary McCulloch announced a return to specie payment policy in his Fort Wayne speech, the subject has been under discussion in all the leading journals in the country. The main point to avoid as the speediest mode of accomplishing the end aimed at are the main points in the controversy. There is no loyal road to specie payments. The nation must do just as a wealthy but embarrassed individual would do—realize all it can (by taxation), borrow all it can, and in the meantime keep at work, earning as much and spending as little as possible. The one thing needed is for the Government to divert into the treasury as much as possible of the surplus funds of the people, i. e., of what is not indispensable to carry on and develop their regular industry. For this purpose it is desirable, first, that taxation should be increased and rigidly enforced; and next, that Congress should grant and the Secretary of the Treas. very shortly should begin to use the power to borrow. The war was then sent for, and upon his arrival proceeded to hold an inquest upon the body. Witnesses were examined, who testified that the unfortunate woman had expressed a desire to [illegible] on the day she committed the rash act. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

A Thief.

Arrest of a Thief.—Peter Johnston alias George P. Cushman, was arrested yesterday evening about dark, for stealing a pair of boots from Mr. Hamilton's shoe store, on Sir street. A lot containing boots was standing at the store door, and Cushman stopped to examine them, when he slipped a pair under his coat. Officer Hamilton, who had observed the movement, arrested Mr. Mehaffy of it, when he had Cushman arrested and taken to Alderman Donaldson's office. Upon a search a pair of ladies shoes were also found in his possession, which were identified by Mrs. Hamilton as belonging to her. Alderman committed Cushman to jail for trial.

Assault and Battery.

Assault and Battery.—John Thornton appeared before Mayor Morrison yesterday, and made a charge against a man named Peter Barnes for assault and battery. The parties are both colored men. It appears that Barnes owed a dollar which the prosecutor owed the defendant. A hearing was had in the case last evening, which resulted in Barnes being committed to jail for trial.

Application for Pardon.

Application for Pardon.—Petitions to the Governor for the pardon of Frederick Faulkner, who was tried during the present week, for the murder of Thomas Madden and found guilty of manslaughter, were being circulated through the city yesterday, and were numerously signed. Faulkner is still at the jail in Allegheny, having entered bail in $1,000 for his appearance.

Consolidation.

Consolidation.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lawrenceville, held Tuesday evening, S. H. Keller, Burgess, and A. Hoovelder and A. H. Ahlborn, were appointed a committee to confer with the committees of City Councils on the subject of consolidation.

Warrant Issued.

Warrant Issued.—Benjamin Wilson appeared before Alderman Donaldson yesterday, and made information against John Shaffer, a storekeeper of Temperanceville, charging him with surety of the peace and also with selling liquor to a minor. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

Released.

Released.—Patrick Scanlon, who was committed to jail on Tuesday, charged with the larceny of goods from the Manchester Depot of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, was released yesterday, by Mr. L. Hutchinson having entered bail for his appearance.

Coal in Cincinnati.

Coal in Cincinnati.—The wholesale rates for Youghiogheny coal in Cincinnati is eighteen cents. Mr. W. H. Brown, of this city, last week sold 21,745 bushels to the Commissioners of Hamilton county, at those figures.

Public Amusements.

Opera House.—A large and fashionable audience witnessed the performance of "Lord Dundreary," by C. Barton Hill last evening, and all were delighted with it. Mr. Hill was equally at good in the character as the original performer of it, Mr. Southern. Next week the companion piece to the "American Cousin" will be performed, where Mr. Hill as "Bodger Bam." To-night he will appear as "Badger," in the popular play of "The Streets of New York."

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PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL,
THURSDAY, November 9, 1865.

The oil market yesterday ruled firm. Heavy parcels of crude could have been disposed of at the rates that were current the previous day. In case of export we noted the fact that the advantage of the market was on the side of holders. This fact became more apparent yesterday, when holders advanced their figures from one-half to one cent per gallon. This movement on their part caused buyers to hold off, hence the sales were not large. The river receipts of crude amounted to 4,301 barrels. We have nothing interesting from the oil regions; holders were moderately firm at the month and at the wells. In our market prices were firm at a further advance. The current rates were 24½@24¾@25c, without packages, and 30@30c, with. The entire sales were about 3,000 barrels. Refiners continue to make their reports to City; twenty-eight inches and at a stand with plenty of snow on the ground, was the last report from the oil regions. Refined Oils were steady but not very active. In movement in crude we will note sales of 500 bbls at 60c, 30 days. The buyers furnish all barrels and receive 2c per gallon rebate. This is the usual way of doing business. Refined Oils were dull at 60c per gallon, cash, for prime white, and 55c for straw color. This latter grade is the most salable at the moment. Although he made no pretensions to being a skilled mechanic, he was a master builder. He learned the trade in the building of gunboats for Government, and the great success he achieved in that business is a matter of the satisfaction to the deceased by Government in the construction of the level "Mason" boats. The metal of the man was a stout, able-bodied man, and gave promise of a long and useful life. His numerous friends will be grieved to learn of his death.

Melancholy Suicide.

Melancholy Suicide.—Yesterday morning a woman, aged forty years, named Mary Burke, a resident of West Pittsburgh, committed suicide by drowning herself in the Monongahela river, above Painter's rolling-mill. It appears that the deceased was a married woman and the mother of five children, but from some cause had separated from her husband, who resides in Troy Hill, and was living with her only child, a boy about twelve years old, who was employed at one of the rolling-mills. Yesterday morning she arose at an early hour, and after partaking of breakfast for her son. After he had left the house, she told some of her neighbors that she did not intend to say [illegible] that night, made up her mind to drown herself. She then went to the river, and without [illegible] plunged boldly in, and threw herself into the water. Search was immediately made for the body, which was discovered some hours afterwards. Coroner Clawson was then sent for, and upon his arrival proceeded to hold an inquest upon the body. Witnesses were examined, who testified that the unfortunate woman had expressed a desire to [illegible] on the day she committed the rash act. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

New York Finance and Trade.

NEW YORK, November 8.

STOCKS.

This morning there was a firm feeling in railroad speculation, and there was a sharp recovery in prices from the lowest point of last evening. Erie took the lead of New York roads, and Pittsburgh and old Southern of Western shares. Montreal Western was in demand. There was very little excitement on Prairie du Chien. Business was nearly all confined to the leading stocks. At the last board, the market was quiet with small sales. The following were the closing prices at 6 P. M.—New York Central, 98½@98¾; Erie, 94½@94¾; Hudson River, 107; Reading, 114@114½; Michigan Central, 106; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana, 86; Illinois Central, 124½@124¾; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 90½@90¾; Chicago and Rock Island, 103½@103¾; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, 98½@98¾; Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien, 58@58½; Northwestern Common, 35@35½; do. Preferred, 66; Fort Wayne, 98½@98¾; Ohio and Mississippi Certificates, 30½@30¾; Illinois Certificates, 59½@59¾; Cumberland Preferred, 36½@36¾; Canton, 56; Pacific Mail, 210; Quicksilver, 58½@58¾; Mariposa Common, 12½@12¾; do. Preferred, 26; Boston, Hartford and Erie, 3½@3¾; Harlem, 130; Cumberland Coal, 58½@58¾; Pennsylvania Coal, 380; Adams Express, 135; United States Express, 71½@71¾; Wells, Fargo & Co., 71½@71¾; American Express, 56½@56¾; Canada Southern, 87½@88; Tennessee 6's, 71½@71¾; Virginia 6's, 61½@61¾; Missouri 6's, 71½@71¾; Gold, 144½@144¾.

The Commercial says: The steadiness and advancing shirts in Prairie du Chien are producing a good deal of embarrassment. In order to save failures, Commissioners have been accepted in many cases, while some parties have made a clear settlement almost to their ruin. Sawyer Bro. & Co. are reported as having failed upon their stock contracts, including Prairie du Chien and Erie.

MONEY.

Is in moderate demand. It is difficult, however, to borrow upon stocks now being manipulated by cliques.

GOVERNMENTS.

The foreign news by the Cuba had a depressing effect upon the general stocks. At the board to-day 6-20s were ½ lower and 7-30s ¼ lower.

GOLD.

The Express says: The news of the gold market was caused by the commercial quotations from $500,000 to $700,000. Gold closed at 144½.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

Were strong and active to-day, with a further rise on Pilhole Creek. The sales were 5,000 shares at the following rates: 90 Pac Shipple, 18; First National, 92; Mount Vernon, 80; Oil Creek, 132; Shade River, 22; Pilhole Creek, 20; Webster, 183; Pilhole Creek, 1740; Buchanan Farm, 92.

OFFER.

Is rather firmer. Sales to-day of 1,500 barrels crude at 30¾c; 75 barrels of 60 and 35